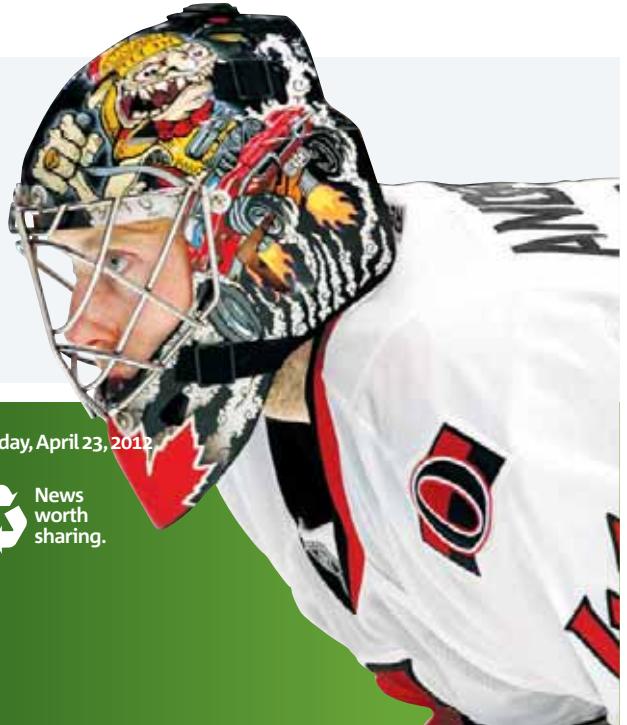


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OTTAWANS LEARN ABOUT THIRST, WALK FOR WATER ON EARTH DAY

Seven-year-old Sebastian Friedrich takes part in a Walk for Water Public Action during Earth Day activities on Parliament Hill on Sunday. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police snub oversight: Ombudsman

Policing police. The Special Investigations Unit investigates when police are involved in a civilian death, serious injury or allegations of sexual assault

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Ontario Ombudsman André Marin says the province's Spe-

cial Investigations Unit gets such poor co-operation from police departments, it often can't even get a response by mail — and Ottawa is no exception.

Of 11 such letters the SIU sent to the Ottawa Police Service, only one response was forthcoming, Marin said in a speech at the Ottawa Public Library Sunday.

"The police service and the police chief are responsible for enforcing the law," he said. "When the chief official responsible for overseeing the police puts them on notice that

the police service has failed to follow the law, it's deserving of a response."

Marin, who has produced two reports highly critical of the SIU and the government, said a third one may be necessary.

"If there is a third report, we will be publishing an appendix with the letters written by the SIU, so we'll be making it all public, with the response or non-response of every police service in Ontario," he said.

No spokesperson for the Ottawa Police Service was available for comment Sunday.

Charest takes back door

Quebec premier quietly slips into brunch at high school as students out front protest tuition-fee hikes

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From barkeep to rookie MP

Ruth Ellen Brosseau reflects on year that took her from Oliver's Pub to House of Commons

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Murdoch and ties that bind

Britain's ruling class could be in for bumpy ride as media mogul is expected to testify about political influence

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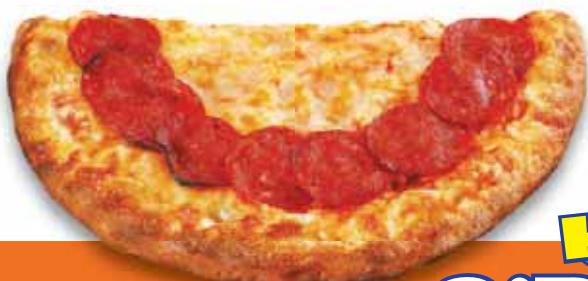
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I Walk for Water reminds locals of struggles abroad

Clean water. Ottawa residents spend Earth Day learning how hard it is for some people to access clean water

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It's estimated that a woman in Africa walks an average of six kilometres to get clean water for her family, and yesterday, during the fifth annual I Walk for Water event, Ottawa residents walked with her.

The walkers gathered at the Cartier Drill Hall before heading to Parliament Hill for speeches followed by a six-kilometre walk along the Ottawa River. The walk is a fundraiser organized by Aveda hair salons for Watercan, a charity that helps provide clean water and sanitation education in the world's poorest countries. According to Watercan, the six-kilometre walk for water is common for women in Africa.

"In Canada we're fortunate

enough to have clean water," said organizer Lisa Irvine. "That's not the case everywhere, so with more attention being brought to it, we're hoping that it will change."

In Ottawa, the day's youngest walkers — who joined in only for the trek to The Hill — were Westboro's Third Ottawa Beaver Colony.

"Beavers, both the four-legged and two-legged kind, need clean water," said the boys' leader, Wesley "Turtle" Rodney. "So the kids were very excited to design a banner and spend an hour out here walking and letting people know how important water is."

Ottawa Centre MPP Yasir Naqvi, who was born in Pakistan, told the walkers of his mother's several-times-daily routine of boiling the family's drinking water twice before straining it into bottles and refrigerating them.

"For me, there's a personal connection because I lived in a developing country and I've seen what impact the lack of water, or lack of clean water, can have on a community," he said.



Bluey, the I Walk for Water mascot, walks down Elgin Street with kids on Earth Day. STEVE COLLINS/FOR METRO

Premier eludes protesters in Gatineau



Protesters yelled at everyone who walked into a Quebec Liberal party brunch at École secondaire du Versant in Gatineau on Sunday. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

Quebec Premier Jean Charest quietly slipped in the back of a Gatineau high school on Sunday as more than 200 protesters upset over tuition-fee hikes rallied out front.

Security was tight at a Quebec Liberal party brunch at École secondaire du Versant — as the premier's public appearances over the last week have been met with daily student protests in Gatineau, which have so far led to more than 300 arrests.

Quebec provincial police officers escorted Charest into the building as Gatineau po-

lice stood between protesters and a barrier at the front entrance. People attending the brunch walked between the barrier and the line of officers as protesters shouted at them and banged pots and pans.

Gatineau police spokesperson Pierre Lanthier said Sunday's protest was calm.

"For sure people are here to protest, but that's very legal as long as they don't do any criminal offence," he said. "They behave very well today."

Student Cecilia Tran came from the University of Laval for the protest.

"We're here to protest against the raise of (tuition) fees and also the attitude the government is showing to the protesters and the population in general," she said.

The protests have gone on for more than 60 days and the government hasn't revised the plan for a tuition-fee hike or opened a dialogue with the public, Tran said.

"We're here to indicate that we're unhappy and would like to see a change or at least a different attitude — openness toward the population."

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Hidden heroes

This masked man is one of Canada's real-life superheroes. Get to know him and the superhero movement in tomorrow's Metro.



Mobile news

Meow, a super-sized orange and white tabby, can't help but waddle.

Tipping the scale at nearly 40 pounds, the two-year-old cat has been given to a New Mexico shelter by his 87-year-old owner, who can no longer provide adequate care. Now, the shelter has vowed to whip the feline into shape. Scan the code for the story.



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Josh Cassidy races in the London Marathon on Sunday. A portrait of Niamh Curry, a five-year-old London girl suffering from neuroblastoma, is seen on his jersey. CONTRIBUTED

Wheelchair racer finds motivation in cancer-stricken girl

Raising funds. London's Niamh Curry, 5, has the same kind of cancer that Ottawa racer Josh Cassidy had as a child

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A world record-setting wheelchair racer from Ottawa finished the London Marathon backwards on Sunday, hoping to draw attention to a good

cause.

Josh Cassidy, who set a world-record time for the Boston Marathon last week, didn't have a great race in London. He set out to try to raise money for Niamh Curry, a five-year-old London girl who has neuroblastoma — the same kind of cancer he had as a child.

Stomach cramps and back pain set him back, he said. "Everything just went wrong; it was one of those days."

He finished in eighth, but at the last minute hit his brake, spun around and crossed the finish line backwards. Then he posed for the media, showing

off the photo of Niamh on his racing shirt.

"Niamh has been my motivation for the last couple of weeks," he said. "Fighting for something that really matters."

Niamh's family is raising money — with Neuroblastoma Alliance UK — to send her to Pennsylvania for treatment, and contacted Cassidy through social media. He met her and her family, and is now helping their cause through niamhsnextstep.com.

Cassidy will be in Ottawa this week for the Rolling Rampage race on Parliament Hill.

OHL. Ottawa 67's win without captain

Ottawa defeated the Niagara IceDogs, 7-4, in Game 2 of the Ontario Hockey League's Eastern Conference final, Sunday — without the help of their captain.

The Ontario Hockey League suspended Ottawa 67's defenceman Marc Zanetti indefinitely on Saturday for an alleged kicking incident a night earlier in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference final with the Niagara IceDogs.

The Ottawa captain allegedly kicked Niagara's Tom Kuhnhackl after the winger scored to give the IceDogs a 1-0 lead in the third period.

No penalty was called on the play, and Niagara went on to win the game 2-1 in overtime.

A ruling on the length of Zanetti's suspension is expected in the near future after the league conducted a

Game highlights

- The 67's opened a 4-0 first-period lead and Petr Mrazek made 44 saves.
- Shane Prince and Sean Monahan both had a goal and two assists for the 67's.
- Mike Cazzola, Cody Ceci, Dalton Smith and Jake Cardwell each had a goal and an assist for Ottawa, and Nicolas Foglia also scored.
- Ottawa went 3-for-5 on the power play with one short-handed goal, while Niagara was 2-for-6.

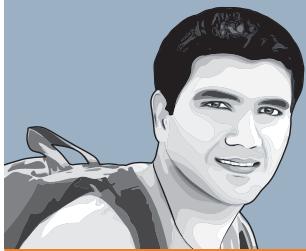
telephone hearing with the player, as well as 67's general manager and head coach Chris Byrne.

Zanetti has already been suspended once this post-season. He received a five-game ban for a spearing incident in warmups prior to

Game 2 of Ottawa's Eastern Conference quarter-final series against the Belleville Bulls.

With the win, the 67's tied the series 1-1 with Game 3 set for Monday night in Ottawa.

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Local Liberal looks forward to baby, not election

It takes two. If minority Liberals get at least a couple votes from another party Tuesday, they'll avoid canvassing this spring



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Ontario's minority Liberal government could fall on Tuesday if its budget doesn't pass. If that happens, Yasir Naqvi and his colleagues will be back out on the campaign trail, something the Ottawa Centre MPP is hoping — for a special reason — won't happen.

"I'm really hopeful that there will be some sort of agreement with the NDP," he said. "It's unfortunate to



Ottawa Centre MPP Yasir Naqvi
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see that the conservatives are not playing any role and they walked away right from the beginning."

The Progressive Conservatives have indicated they will vote against the budget, but

Quotable

"I think there's a meeting of the minds on a lot of important issues"

Yasir Naqvi, on the NDP's willingness to compromise on certain points in the budget

Naqvi said the NDP's dropping a demand to exclude heating bills from HST and the Liberals' promising more money for child care and ODSP are encouraging signs.

Constituents he's talked to don't want another election, he added.

And he's reluctant too, for one big personal reason: "I'm expecting a new arrival in my family in about three weeks' time — a baby coming — and I'd rather be spending time with my family on this happy occasion than campaigning."



Now that's a really nice set of pipes

Hélène Campbell is seen after her double-lung transplant. A fundraiser for Campbell dubbed Bands for Breath was a rocking success Sunday evening at Greenfield's Pub. Luc Langlois, Campbell's former English teacher and organizer of the event, said hundreds of people came out and eight bands played. The night of music doubled as an organ-donation drive. SUPPLIED

Missing person

Elderly man found dead

A 93-year-old Ottawa man reported missing on Tuesday was found dead Sunday.

Geoffrey Leech's body was found in the bush in the Peneshula and Syne Road area. METRO

Vehicle accident

Victim in stable condition

A 50-year-old woman who uses a wheelchair is in stable condition after she was struck by a vehicle and dragged approximately 15 feet along Richmond Road Sunday evening, paramedics said. METRO

Animal or human?

Bag of bones found

A man out walking his dog Sunday found a bag containing bones, Gatineau police said.

Officers are investigating and went to the scene of the discovery in wooded area behind Rue Saint-Louis. METRO



NDP MP Ruth Ellen Brosseau listens to a citizen while discussing growing concerns over float-plane noise in her riding Thursday in St-Étienne-des-Grés, Que. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

From bartender to politician, rookie MP looks back at victory

Step up. Almost one year ago, the assistant manager of Oliver's Pub at Carleton University became a member of Parliament

Spend a day with rookie NDP MP Ruth Ellen Brosseau and witness the degree to which someone's life can change in 12 months.

It was a year ago this week that Brosseau was in Las Vegas, celebrating her 27th birthday under the bright lights of Sin City.

"Of course, being a mom, I called home all the time and spoke to my son and my family," Brosseau told The Canadian Press in an interview. "They were kind of like: 'There's, um, stuff going on here. You're kind of in the news a bit for going

on your trip.'"

Brosseau, then a campus-bar manager in Ottawa, was hit with a stunner. Her name and photo were splashed all over the national news in the federal election campaign, as she emerged as a poster child for the NDP's improbable Quebec surge.

But a so-called "orange wave" rolled in and swept her to victory in the Berthier-Maskinonge riding, in what was perhaps the biggest upset of the election.

Instead of heading home from Las Vegas early when the news hit, Brosseau stayed put. "I didn't have the money in my bank to buy another ticket," she said.

She appears to have grown into her new job and, given the French lessons she's been taking, original claims about her lack of proficiency in the language now appear exaggerated.

Brosseau, who turns 28

MP salary

Since the May 2 election, the single mom has been earning an annual salary of \$157,000 as an MP in the House of Commons.

on Thursday, insists she learned French as a child, but it was rusty and she didn't have the confidence to express herself comfortably last spring.

Little did she know that roughly one year later, she would be spending a busy day in a rural Quebec riding — a place to which she had no personal connection — discussing pyrite, float planes, federal summer jobs and an art exhibition with local constituents.

With an increasing taste for politics, she plans to run again in 2015.

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Alberta PC leader to make election history



Alberta PC Leader Alison Redford gets back in her vehicle after making a campaign stop in Calgary Saturday. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vote. Today, Albertans will determine the fate of their government and the 41-year PC legacy

One way or another, Alison Redford makes history on Monday night.

Win the Alberta election and she is the first elected female premier in the province, heading up a party that has run things for four decades and will soon shatter the record for longest-serving government in Canadian history.

Lose and she's Harry Strom, the forgotten scapegoated premier of the Alberta Social

Credit government when it fell to the Tories in 1971.

Redford, speaking at a weekend party rally, said she is pushing ahead and doesn't feel the weight of history.

"I'm pretty excited about Monday," she said. "This is a campaign about Alberta's future."

Redford's Progressive Conservatives have been in unfamiliar territory since the election campaign began a month ago, running behind another party on the right side of the political spectrum.

The Wildrose party, under leader Danielle Smith, has fashioned an electable alternative by capitalizing on discontent over deficit budgets, long health-care wait times, onerous

land-use rules and perceived political greed on salary and perks. Some polls have had them ahead by more than 15 points, though lead appears to have slipped somewhat recently.

If the Wildrose wins, it will defeat a colossus whose history can only be told in large numbers and superlatives.

Before the Tories, the 36-year-old Social Credit Party ended the 14-year run of the United Farmers of Alberta, who in turn ended the 16-year run of the Alberta Liberals.

The PC victories have varied between large and sweeping majorities. On average they've taken eight out of every 10 seats in their 11 wins.

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Breaking record

The PCs have held power in Alberta for 14,847 days — 40 years and almost eight months.

- Should they win a 12th consecutive majority government, they will be on track to make history.

- When the next election rolls around, they will have been in power close to 45 years, ahead of the 1882-1925 Nova Scotia Liberals (43 years) and the 1943-1985 Ontario PCs (42 years).

Unrest

Police shuts down Montreal protest

Police moved swiftly to shut down a protest in Montreal on Saturday, a day after a series of violent clashes between demonstrators and officers in riot gear created havoc in the downtown core.

Eighty-nine people, some wearing masks and goggles, were arrested after Saturday's protest was declared illegal, said Montreal police spokesman Daniel Lacouriere.

Demonstrators had gathered in the rain near Old Montreal to denounce a conference on Premier Jean Charest's plan to develop northern Quebec.

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Sled-dog cull

Charge laid in B.C. animal-cruelty case

A criminal charge has been laid in an animal-cruelty case that focused international attention on the practices of the sled-dog industry after the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Robert Fawcett, a for-



A sled dog rests at a kennel operated by Whistler Outdoor Adventures. THE CANADIAN PRESS

mer general manager with Howling Dog Tours, based in Whistler, B.C., faces one count of causing unnecessary pain and suffering to dozens of sled dogs in April 2010.

Fifty-six dogs were dug up in a mass grave near Whistler after information leaked out in January 2011 through a workers-compensation claim of post-traumatic stress disorder.

A Bob Fawcett also posted details on a PTSD website, describing how panicked animals were shot or had their throats slit before being dumped into the grave.

The charges come after a gruesome search and investigation by the RCMP and the Society for Prevention of Cruelty of Animals.

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Supporters of socialist Francois Hollande react after the results of the first round of France's presidential election.

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Socialist opponent leading Sarkozy after first round

Presidential election.
Early results show socialist Francois Hollande and conservative President Nicolas Sarkozy to advance to runoff

Socialist Francois Hollande and conservative President Nicolas Sarkozy are heading for a runoff election in their race for France's presidency.

This according to partial official results in a vote that could alter the European political and economic landscape.

French voters defied ex-

Democratic primary

At this time in 2008, Obama was still in an epic primary battle against his Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

- This year, Obama's march to the nomination has generated little interest because he has no major primary challenger, no one who made the ballot in more than a handful of states.

- Democratic voters, however, are not unanimously behind the American president. In Oklahoma, anti-abortion protester Randall Terry got 1.8 per cent of the vote. But some say he's not a real Democrat.

European impact

"This is an election that will weigh on the future of Europe. That's why many people are watching us." Socialist candidate and early leader Francois Hollande.

expectations and handed a surprisingly strong third-place showing to far-right candidate Marine Le Pen, who has run on an anti-immigrant platform aimed largely at Muslims.

That could boost her influence on the French political scene, hand her party seats in parliament and affect rela-

tions with minorities.

With 75 per cent of the vote counted, Hollande had 27.9 per cent of ballots cast and Sarkozy 26.7 per cent, according to figures released by the Interior Ministry after final polls closed.

Le Pen was in third with 19.2 per cent of the vote so far.

In fourth place was leftist firebrand Jean-Luc Melenchon with 10.8 per cent, followed by centrist Francois Bayrou with 9.2 per cent.

Turnout was surprisingly high, projected by polling agencies at about 80 per cent. The top two candidates head to a runoff May 6.

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No surprise. President Obama to easily secure Democratic nomination

It's official: U.S. President Barack Obama will clinch the Democratic nomination for president on Tuesday, ending a low-key primary race that many people probably didn't realize was happening.

Obama is certain to reach the 2,778 delegates he needs to secure his party's nod for a second time when five states vote on Tuesday.

He has won almost every delegate so far, with a few exceptions in some Southern states that won't vote Democratic in the fall regardless.

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Report: Wal-Mart silent about alleged bribery

Wal-Mart hushed up a vast bribery campaign that top executives of its Mexican subsidiary carried out to build stores across that country, according to a published report.

The New York Times reported Saturday that Wal-Mart failed to notify law enforcement officials even after its own investigators found evidence of millions of dollars in bribes. The newspaper said the company shut down its inter-

nal probe despite a report by its lead investigator that Mexican and U.S. laws likely were violated.

The bribery campaign was reported to have first come to the attention of senior executives at Wal-Mart in 2005, when a former executive of its largest foreign subsidiary, Wal-Mart de Mexico, provided extensive details of a bribery campaign it had orchestrated to win market dominance. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Murdoch to testify about political influence in U.K.

Phone-hacking scandal. Media mogul's testimony could discomfit ruling class

Rupert Murdoch's appearance before Lord Justice Brian Leveson's inquiry this week is expected to focus on the network of personal and professional ties that have bound his newspaper and television operations to some of the most senior politicians in the United Kingdom.

Those ties have frequently come under criticism, with many observers saying British politicians were scared of crossing Murdoch because of his company's domination of the British media landscape.

Under fire

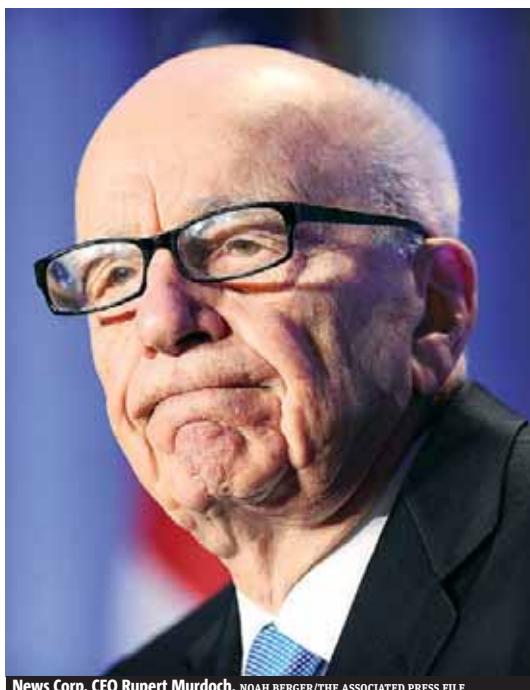
"I don't think he thinks that he has very much to lose"

Steve Fielding, Center for British Politics at the University Nottingham

But those intimate ties have frayed and snapped since revelations last year that journalists at Murdoch's News of the World tabloid routinely intercepted voice-mail messages of those in the public eye. The scandal quickly spread beyond the News of the World to cover an array of other questionable activities by British journalists, as well as police and public officials.

Coulson — a former Murdoch lieutenant drafted as Prime Minister David Cameron's chief media aid — and Murdoch protege Rebekah Brooks both resigned before being arrested as two of the scandal's leading suspects, and Murdoch and his media executive son James have swapped discreet visits to No. 10 Downing Street with confrontational appearances before skeptical lawmakers in Parliament.

Once eager to secure Rupert Murdoch's blessing, Cameron has since ordered the official inquiry, which is calling Murdoch and his son in for at least two full days of testimony starting Tuesday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Despite the breezy instantaneity evoked by its name, OC Transpo's Presto smart-card system is arriving in Ottawa at a leisurely pace. We've been talking about it for a few years now, and once expected to have the electronic fare system online by 2010. Still, transit riders know all about waiting.

Finally, though, you may have noticed the first signs of arrival, the early-spring budding of green card-reader gadgets on your bus, but the system won't be in full bloom until summer. It starts in May with a "friends and family" rollout, as about 1,000 testers troubleshoot and try to discover any glitches before the big launch.

On July 1, at the same time as our Canada Day tradition of new, even higher fares, the new system will be ready to use.

This will also mark the beginning of the end for the humble bus ticket, a passing probably even less lamented than the recently announced kiss-off of the penny.

I personally won't miss winter mornings of trying, one-handed, a glove clenched in my teeth, to tear two of the little devils off a sheet, or chasing them as they blow along a windy Mackenzie King Bridge. Most of us can bid dry-eyed farewell to that woeful sensation of checking your supply of tickets as the red rocket arrives and finding you've got none (or,

worse, only one).

OC Transpo, if its latest fare structure is approved by council this week, will hasten the obsolescence of the paper ticket by jacking its price by 15 per cent. An adult fare of two tickets will then save you only 30 cents off the \$3.30 cash price of Canada's most expensive bus ride.

OC Transpo hints subtly with its fares, you could tap your shiny new Presto card and pay only \$2.65.

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The proof of Presto will be in the using, when you try it for yourself and it works for you — or it doesn't. Swipe and see. Welcome to the future, and good luck.

Prelude to the podium



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Hitching a ride

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On your mark

Kenya rocks London marathon

Here's a general view of runners as they go past the Cutty Sark during the Virgin London Marathon on Sunday.

Kenyan marathon runners showed their superiority ahead of the Olympics, with Wilson Kipsang and Mary Keitany coasting to victory in London on Sunday, virtually assuring that they will be selected for the games.

The winners were presented with their medals by Prince Harry, who indicated that security logistics are thwarting his attempts to enter the marathon.

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Get set

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Wilson Kipsang, the second-fastest marathon runner ever, won the 42.2-kilometre race for the first time, more than two minutes ahead of fellow Kenyan Martin Lel. Kipsang had stormed ahead of the pack with around 10 kilometres to go before winning in two hours, four minutes, 44 seconds.

Go!

- World-record holder Patrick Makau dropped out less than halfway through.
- Mary Keitany pulled away from world champion Edna Kiplagat with around five kilometres to go before winning by one minute, 13 seconds. Priscah Jeptoo was third.
- In a sprint finish in front of Buckingham Palace on the Mall, Martin Lel edged Tsegaye Kebede of Ethiopia for second place.

Finish line



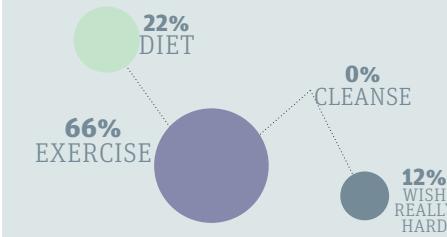
"What's fantastic is that my brother and his wife will be doing it next year, I think."

Prince Harry quipped that his brother, Prince William and wife Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge want to compete next year.



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Box office

Hunger Games knocked from No. 1

The date-night movies Think Like a Man and The Lucky One have finally knocked The Hunger Games off its No. 1 box-office perch. According to studio estimates Sunday, Think Like a Man, based on Steve Harvey's dating-advice bestseller, debuted as the top weekend draw with \$33 million. The Sony Screen Gems ensemble movie features Michael Ealy, Taraji P. Henson and Gabrielle Union. The Warner Bros. drama The Lucky One, starring Zac Efron in an adaptation of Nicholas Sparks' romance novel, opened at No. 2 with \$22.8 million. Lionsgate's blockbuster The Hunger Games took in \$14.5 million, slipping to third-place after four weekends at No. 1. The film raised its domestic total to \$356.9 million. Disney's nature documentary Chimpanzee opened at No. 4 with \$10.2 million.

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Luke Evans plays a straight-laced detective opposite John Cusack in *The Raven*. HANDOUT

A rookie actor, nevermore

Learning process.

Despite his roles in big films, Evans says he learned plenty from working with John Cusack on *The Raven*

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Luke Evans hasn't been home in a while. The last two years have seen a marked increase in film work for the Welsh actor, taking him around the world to make films like *The Three Musketeers*, *Immortals* and this month's *The Raven*, in which he plays a straight-laced detective opposite John Cusack's Edgar Allan Poe. Evans checked in by phone from New Zealand, where he's been living for nearly a year while making *Poe* was a really exciting idea for me.

says he'll be until at least July. After that? Who knows?

How much of an Edgar Allan Poe fan were you before going into this project?

I was very aware of who he was and how much of an impact he made on American literature, but I hadn't read a huge amount of his work. I knew about *The Raven*. The Pit and the Pendulum was the one I knew as well.

What did you think of the project when you were initially approached?

I thought it was great. I thought it was a very clever way of using Poe's work and brilliant stories and making it into a fictional detective movie and showing his stories in a very clever sort of fictional backdrop. I'd always wanted to work with John Cusack, too, so the fact that he's playing Poe was a really exciting idea for me.

What are some your favourites of Cusack's films?

Well, I love *The Grifters*, I love *High Fidelity*. They're two I really, really enjoyed. But almost all of John's work that I've watched, I've enjoyed. He's a great man to watch when he's doing his thing. He's been doing it for such a long time, you know? You can learn an awful lot, as an actor like myself, watching John do his thing.

Well, you've got a fair amount under your own belt now as well.

Yeah! Yeah, I have. It's just been very, very fast (laughs). And movies, film work — I'm still learning as I'm going along, and I'm sure I will learn for a very long time. But it is quite great when you get to work with people who've done movies for a long time because you just how watch how they play with the camera and like that, all the subtleties. I just keep watching, keep learning. But

yeah, I've been acting for 12 or 13 years now. A lot of it's been in the theatre, but I try to channel what I learned there and use it in film. It's all acting at the end of the day, isn't it?

How was the experience on location for the Raven?

We started in Budapest in Hungary, and then we moved across the border to Serbia to Belgrade and also to a northern town called Novi Sad, which has a castle on the mound, and underneath the castle there's a huge bunch of tunnel networks, which is what we used in the film when... I won't give it away, but there are tunnels in the film that get used to chase... someone (laughs).

Did you feel isolated out there?

It's another difference, yeah. But Budapest is a great city, a really great city. We did a lot of night shoots in Hungary, and in the wintertime it can be cold

and very windy, with a bit of snow. And it got worse because we jumped into former Yugoslavia. Serbia can get very cold. But the people are great. It's a great way to see the world. This is such a joy to me, to get a job and then go to places I would probably never have visited, and now I have. They're great, I'd go back there tomorrow.

Speaking of great locations, you're in New Zealand now. How is filming on *The Hobbit* going?

Filming is going very well, yeah. We're solid, solid working now. There's a lot to be done.

How have you found life in New Zealand?

I know, it's great, right? I've been here almost 10 months now, and it's such a beautiful place. Again, the people are what make New Zealand so great. They're a fantastic race of people, and they make a great team on set.

The Sweet Revenge of Simon Cowell

Tell-all book. British biographer shares some intimate details of Cowell's life in new unauthorized bio

He gets colonic irrigations, Botox injections and vitamin drips, and insists on black toilet paper in his home.

A revealing new biography offers intimate — maybe too intimate — details about Simon Cowell, along with a portrait of the entertainment mogul's savvy business side.

Sweet Revenge: The Intimate Life of Simon Cowell is written by British journalist and biographer Tom Bower, whose previous subjects include former British prime minister Gordon Brown, jailed media mogul Conrad Black and ex-Harrods owner Mohammad al-Fayed.

His latest portrait of power centres on the tanned and brush-cut Cowell, 52, who has gained fame in both Britain and North America as producer and an acerbic judge on TV talent shows including *The X Factor* and *America's Got Talent*.

Bower says he became fascinated by the story of a middle-aged music producer who struck gold by turning the old-

Quoted
"He had 20 years — more than 20 years — of humiliation"

Biographer Tom Bower on Simon Cowell's road to success.

fashioned talent contest into a slick 21st-century phenomenon — and in the process earned a fortune estimated at \$320 million US. The book paints a picture of a man who struggled for years in the music business, spurred to success out of a desire to prove his detractors wrong.

"He had 20 years — more

than 20 years — of humiliation," Bower said. "At school he was a total failure and as a music producer he was a total failure."

"But what he did have was charm and an ability to understand the music business because of all this failure."

Sweet Revenge, published in the U.S. by Ballantine Books on Tuesday, is billed as the first book about Cowell written with the mogul's participation — though not his authorization. Bower spent many hours with Cowell aboard his private jet, at his Los Angeles home and on his yacht in the south of France and the Caribbean.

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Simon Cowell GETTY IMAGES

On the web



Chaz Bono, Josh Hutcherson honoured at GLAAD Media Awards in Los Angeles

Rufus Wainwright gets a little 'pop' with the help of Mark Ronson

New album.

Singer-songwriter enlists the help of hitmaker Ronson in a bid for the mainstream ear

Rufus Wainwright is touting the release of what he calls his most pop-leaning album yet, but the eclectic singer-songwriter is far from quitting his ambitious foray into the classical world.

The 38-year-old crooner says he's set to pen another opera, but the details are staying under wraps, for now.

"I've been commissioned to write another one, there'll be announcements about that at some point," Wainwright says cryptically during a round of recent media interviews in Toronto.

"I don't think you can kind of step into that arena

and just step right out again. I think that would be very, very cowardly."

In the meantime, Wainwright returns to the pop sphere this week with his brightly melodic album, *Out of the Game*, an unabashedly mainstream bid shepherded by hit-making uber-producer Mark Ronson.

The 12-song disc is infused with a '70s flourish and Wainwright's trademark honey-toned vocals, which weave around evocative vignettes of life with boyfriend Jorn Weisbrodt (*Song of You*), new baby girl Viva (Montauk) and mourn the loss of his recently deceased mother, singer Kate McGarrigle (*Candles*).

Musically, the typically bittersweet Wainwright says he strove to create a more commercially bent collection, describing *Out of the Game* as "something that you can put on at a party and people won't leave the room."

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Wainwright says he strove to create a more commercial collection on his new album. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sound

Making music a little bit brighter

Rufus Wainwright's newest album is a bit escapist. "Right before this album came out I had written an opera and done a solo piano voice tour, buried my mom, had a baby, you know, so I was really entrenched in these huge adult issues," he notes.

"For this album I really just wanted to have a good time and kind of rock out and be silly for a little while," he adds. "And though the record still has that custom-Rufus romantic sadness, I think it's a little more upbeat and brighter than my past work."

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Kim and Kanye take on Manhattan, other Kardashians



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Oh, hey! Look who it is: Kim Kardashian and Kanye West, just out for a stroll in one of the most crowded cities in the world, in broad daylight, on a Saturday afternoon, in front of a barrage of photographers.

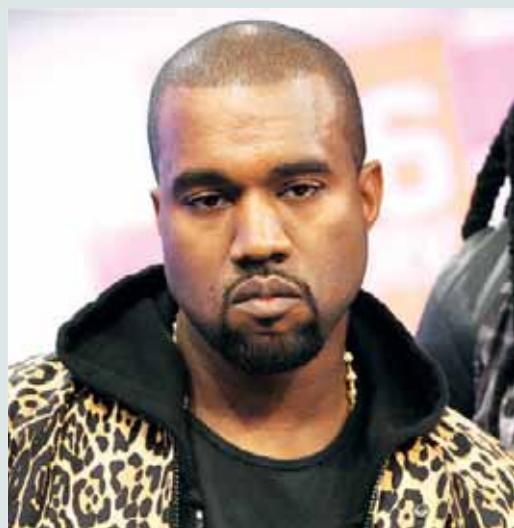
They are doing a great job of keeping this totally legit burgeoning relationship on the down-low, am I right?

According to US Weekly, the two spotlight-lovers browsed the racks at the Chelsea shop Balenciaga and then stopped for an ice cream cone at the Van Leeuwen ice cream truck.

It's getting so "serious" (a.k.a. completely generated for publicity) that West had dinner with Kim, her mother Kris Jenner, sister

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Khloe and brother-in-law Lamar Odom at the Spice Market restaurant in the city's Meatpacking District, according to RadarOnline.

Expect to see this entire weekend on the E! network soon as Kim's Fairytale Dinner: A Kardashian Event.

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Wedding bells in Italy for Biel and Timberlake?

Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel just finished a whirlwind five-day trip to Italy, prompting speculation about the location of their upcoming wedding, according to Us Weekly. After hitting up Rome, Naples and Capri, the happy couple reportedly paid a visit to the southern town of Bernalda — and more specifically the wedding venue Palazzo Margherita, where Sofia Coppola tied the knot last year.



Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake

Was Lohan lying about whereabouts?

When a woman recently accused Lindsay Lohan of assaulting her at a nightclub, Lohan's response was simple: She couldn't have, since she was at home watching TV at the time.

But new developments suggest she might not be telling the truth there, according to RadarOnline.

"Investigators obtained the surveillance video from

the Smoke & Mirrors nightclub at The Standard Hotel and it clearly shows that Lindsay was there on the night of the alleged assault," a source says.

"The investigation is still ongoing and follow-up investigators want to interview Lindsay about the incident, but she hasn't been interviewed yet, nor is she under any obligation to do so."

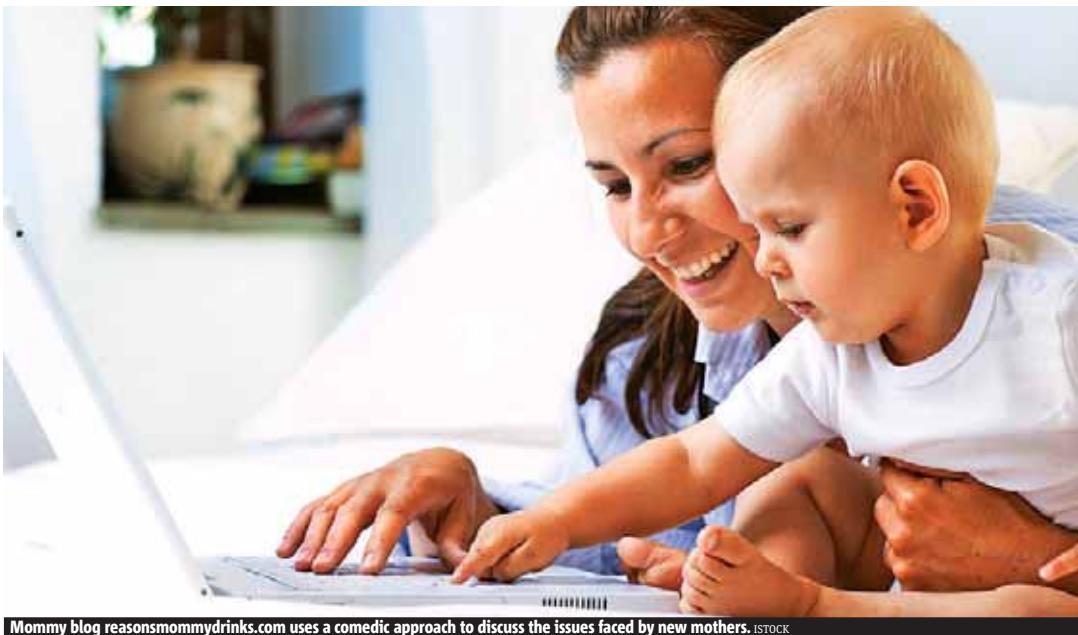
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What drives mommy to reach for a drink?

Blog. After having babies four months apart, two life-long friends teamed up to offer an unfiltered look at being new moms

DELIA MACPHERSON
For Metro News

Two bloggers with new babies have put a comedic spin on some real issues women are facing when it comes to motherhood.

Lyranda Martin Evans and Fiona Stevenson, friends for 20 years, are the co-authors of reasonsmommydrinks.com, an honest and un-

filtered blog about what it's really like to be a new mom.

"Being on maternity leave is the hardest job in the world," says Evans. "If I had to do mat-leave by myself, I think I would have gone nuts."

The two friends both had baby boys, four months apart.

"In my group of friends, there was a group of 2011 babies," says Evans. "I was really lucky. Women love to help each other out."

After attending high school, Queens University and then training at the Second City conservatory comedy program together, it only makes sense Evans and Stevenson would team up for this blog.

Both are unafraid to

make racy quips and expose a more realistic image of being a mom.

The writers take personal experiences and stories from mom groups to create a witty list of more than 50 "reasons why mommy drinks."

"It's very cathartic," says Evans. "At the time, it's the worst moment of the day, but it becomes funny."

The blog's name is somewhat controversial, but Evans sees it as a comedic device, playing on the expression "I need a drink!"

"We wanted to have a good hook. It's all written tongue-in-cheek."

"The blog is really about how much we love them [kids]. We're trying to be perfect for them."



Bloggers Fiona Stevenson, left, and Lyranda Martin Evans. CONTRIBUTED

Reason #38 : The Babysitter

"Mommy can't believe she's going to pay a teenager \$40 to sit in her living room for three hours (texting her boyfriend and eating Mommy's cappuccino frozen yogurt directly from the tub) while you lie sleeping in your crib upstairs the entire time. But Mommy and Daddy figured that to avoid becoming a statistic, they should spend the occasional Saturday night doing something other than eating take-out Thai food in front of Grey's Anatomy, only to doze off before the latest iteration of 'doctor rips off nurse's clothes in the medical supply room.' Dressed in her standby LBD and rocking her volumizing mascara, Mommy's feeling pretty hot, until the sitter with Angelina legs sprouting from a skirt the size of a Bella Band greets her..." reasonsmommydrinks.com

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Breakfast

Sunny outlook for outlets catering to millennial market

More Canadians eat breakfast on the run and it's the 20-something group that's driving the trend, says a market researcher group. A study by the NPD Group shows growth among quick-service restaurants for the morning meal. NPD predicts that segment of the market will grow 10 per cent by 2016.

The study, *A Look into the Future of Foodservice*, finds that nine per cent of the population prefers to pick up its morning meal at outlets, and this has led to a 14 per cent increase in breakfast sales in the past year.

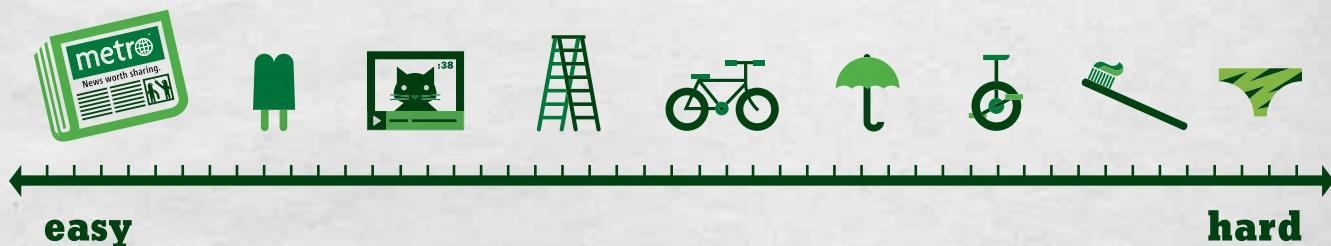
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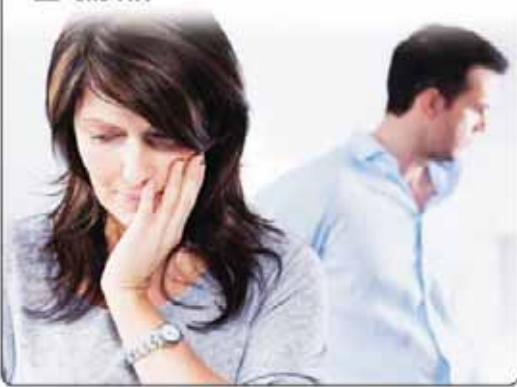


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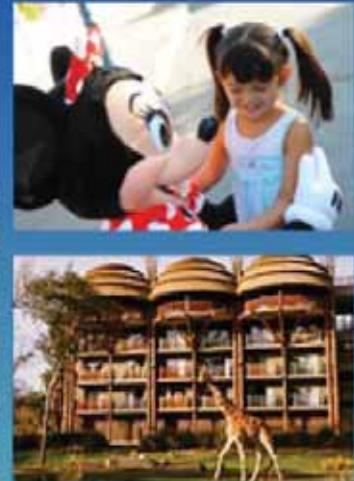
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Catch of the day makes for easy weeknight dinner



This recipe makes two servings. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Sweet and spicy, this catfish only needs a medley of vegetables served along with it or a crisp green salad for an easy weeknight meal.

1. In a small bowl, mix together Dijon and Creole mustards, honey and vinegar. Spread mustard mixture over top of fillets and arrange potato slices over mustard, pushing down gently so potato sticks.

2. In a non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Carefully place fillets potato-side down in skillet and pan-fry for 5 minutes.

3. Remove fillets and place on parchment-paper-lined baking sheet. Bake in centre of 180 C (350 F) oven for about 12 minutes, until potatoes are golden and fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.

4. **Apple and Jalapeno Glaze:** Meanwhile, in a small saucepan combine apple jelly, water, apple and jalapeno and simmer on

Ingredients

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Creole mustard
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) honey
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cider vinegar
- 2 farm-raised catfish fillets (each 175 to 250 g/6 to 8 oz)
- 2 medium potatoes, peeled and cut in paper-thin slices
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil

Apple and Jalapeno Glaze

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) apple jelly
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) water
- 1/2 apple, peeled and diced
- 1/2 jalapeno, seeded and diced

low heat for about 5 minutes. Keep warm.

5. Remove catfish from oven. Place on serving plates and drizzle with glaze.

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Corn syrup and cumin for the perfect salmon glaze

Experimenting with salt, soy sauce, garlic and ginger with fruit can make an interesting glaze for fish.

It may also interest you that a household staple such as corn syrup makes for a perfect glaze, like in this recipe.

There has been some concern recently about high fructose levels in corn syrup, so it's worth noting that Crown Golden, the corn syrup of choice in this recipe, does not contain high-fructose-corn-syrup.

1. Heat a dry non-stick skillet on medium high heat. Add the cumin and toss for 1 to 2 minutes until the cumin is toasted. Use care not to burn the cumin. Re-



This recipe serves eight to 10 people. NEWS CANADA

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 tablespoons ground cumin
- 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic salt
- 1/2 teaspoon fine grind black pepper
- 1/2 cup Crown Golden no-high fructose corn syrup
- 4 salmon fillets (6 to 8 oz. each/ approx 200 g each)

move it from heat and allow to it cool for about 10 minutes.

2. Combine cumin, garlic salt, black pepper, and dark corn syrup in a small bowl.

Mix well.

3. Brush glaze over both sides of the salmon. Grill or broil, turning once and brushing liberally with glaze. Cook 8 to 10 minutes

until salmon flakes easily.

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Grilled Halibut with Grilled Bell Pepper and Parsley-Anchovy Relish



1. **Grilled Bell Pepper and Parsley Anchovy Relish:** In bowl, combine red and yellow peppers, garlic, anchovies, extra virgin olive oil, vinegar, parsley and oregano. Season with salt and pepper. Let rest at room temperature 30 mins.

2. Brush both sides of halibut with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Place, skin side up, on greased grill over high heat. Grill 4 mins. or until lightly browned and firm on the bottom. Turn over, reduce heat to medium and cook for 3 mins.

3. Place fish on serving plates. Top each piece with spoonfuls of parsley anchovy relish. **NEWS CANADA/ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)**

Ingredients

- 4 skinless halibut fillets, about 6 oz (168 g) each
- Olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- Grilled Bell Pepper and Parsley Anchovy Relish**
 - 2 each Ontario greenhouse red and yellow peppers, roasted, peeled, seeded and coarsely chopped
 - 2 cloves garlic
 - 8 white anchovies, chopped
 - 1/2 cup (125 mL) olive oil
 - 3 tbsp (45 mL) red wine vinegar
 - 1/4 cup (60 mL) fresh parsley, chopped
 - 1 tbsp (15 mL) fresh oregano, chopped

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Precious cargo: Transported from hard worker to hotshot

Moving up. Ajay Virmani pulled out all the stops to guarantee his company's success



THE IN-CREDIBILITY
FACTOR
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Ajay Virmani came to Toronto from India in 1975 with a strong work ethic and a vision.

He washed windows, fixed car mufflers, then sold vacuum cleaners and life insurance.

But he found his true calling when he got into transportation management and quickly turned a struggling air cargo company around. With an opportunity to go out on his own, Virmani didn't think twice.

"I thought, 'I've got enough contacts in business. If I make \$150,000 a year, I'll be happy.'"

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Spelling it out

Ajay Virmani's secret to success:

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- E. Excellence — anything you do, do it well
- T. Time management



Ajay Virmani, President and CEO of Cargojet. PROVIDED

lion a year in sales.

Virmani says the key to being a successful entrepreneur is to never underestimate yourself and to believe in your skills.

"Take risks, be stubborn, dream and have a sense of purpose when you get up in the morning."

At one point I had two

mortgages on my house. I paid one credit card to another. Risk-taking ability is the biggest thing an entrepreneur can have."

The final word from the award-winning entrepreneur?

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Prom-posals: A new age of asking

A night to remember.
From rings to aerial requests, youth are adding a wow-factor to 'Wanna go to prom?'

Never mind a text that meekly asks "will u go 2 prom w/me?" Today's teenagers are taking a cue from elaborately staged wedding proposals, inviting each other to prom with flash mobs, scavenger hunts, homemade music videos and even airplane banners.

And while coming up with clever or romantic ways to ask someone to prom isn't an entirely new concept, the effort and expense going into the big ask these days has given rise to a new term: Promposal.

"This year is the first time we've done prom invitations," said Remy Colin, owner of Aerial Messages, a company that charges \$600 for a plane to fly a banner with a message on it. "It's expensive as

Reigning in the raunch *Aromantic revival?*

Nancy Darling, an Oberlin College professor of psychology who studies adolescent development, said teenage relationships go through stages, one of which is taking the romance public.

She added that despite stereotypes of teens as sex-driven and aggressive, data shows kids are now becoming "more conservative" socially, with less sexual intercourse than previous generations. "We're back to being romantic," she said.

hell for a high schooler who doesn't have any money, but we've done two in the past three months," one in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and one in Tampa, Fla.

Alex Chichkov, 17, arranged for a plane trailing "Come to prom with me, Kayla?" to fly over a student fundraiser his girlfriend Kayla Bennett was attending at King High School in Tampa in March.

"I've seen it for weddings and I wanted to do something huge or unique," said Alex, a senior who paid for the flyover with money he earned working at a family business.

"I didn't want to do anything generic. In the history of the school, no one has done anything that big. It's going to be my only prom, first time ever, last time ever, with someone who's been my girlfriend for two and a half years, so it deserves to be that big."

The plane flew over a student Relay for Life event, which raises money for the American Cancer Society, right before the talent show, while a sound system played a Michael Bublé cover of the Frank Sinatra song, Come Fly With Me.

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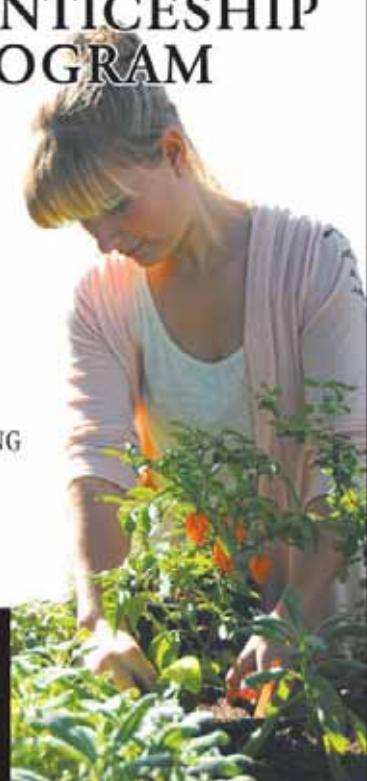
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That's why PlanToys, an innovative maker of eco-friendly playthings, has created the ultimate green dollhouse.

"The PlanToys dollhouse shows many different types of eco-themes," explains Cal Nicholson, sales and marketing specialist at Playwell Canada.

"It's got a windmill, a solar shade, solar panels, recycling buckets — even the furniture inside features cotton that is all organic."

The concept is deliciously simple.

Along with all the social skills and imagination any good dollhouse fosters, this



PlanToys is making eco-friendly dollhouses for tomorrow's generation. HANDOUT

one turns sustainability into a basic, everyday concept — taken as a given from very early in life.

"The reality is that for

the kids, the dollhouse is something cool to play with," Nicholson says.

"But the really big thing about PlanToys actually is

about the parents. They know that the eco-credentials of this product are among the highest on the planet, and they feel really good about

Quote

"Using chemicals goes completely against the green feature of the product, and they're only using soy inks or natural water-based colours. All the packaging is recycled and recyclable."

Cal Nicholson
Sales and marketing specialist at Playwell Canada.

buying it."

The dollhouse is made from rubber wood trees from Thailand. Normally, these are burned for charcoal once they reach the end of their productive life. Instead, PlanToys uses their chemical-free wood to build toys that are tough, durable — and very green.

"Using chemicals goes completely against the green feature of the product, and they're only using soy inks or natural water-based colours," notes Nicholson. "All the packaging is recycled and recyclable."

The dollhouse isn't cheap

By the numbers

\$1.2B

Total Canadian toy sales in 2009, according to Statistics Canada. That's down sharply from \$1.8 billion in 2004.

— averaging around \$200, depending on the retailer. But it's also very durable.

"You're buying a product that is Earth-friendly, that has high quality, and it's evergreen in the sense that kids are going to play with it for a long time. It's not a Walmart item that's going to get thrown away or broken in two weeks."

Nicholson sees the PlanToys dollhouse as an investment in the future — in more ways than one.

"This is something that can be played with by younger siblings or passed on to future generations," he explains. "PlanToys' whole model is sustainable play — in terms of the product itself, and also for the environment."

Child's play, in other words.

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NHL playoffs



Daniel Alfredsson is "hopeful" to return for Game 6.

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'We know we're going to get their best game': Spezza

Seize the day.

The Latin equivalent of that phrase — "Carpe Diem" — adorns a plaque in the tunnel leading to the ice at Scotiabank Place and provides a pretty good reminder of the attitude the Ottawa Senators should currently be embracing.

With a chance to knock off the New York Rangers on Monday, opportunity is knocking for the eighth-seeded Sens. Not only will they enjoy the support of their home fans in Game 6, they should also have captain Daniel Alfredsson back in the lineup.

"We know we're going to get their best game," Senators forward Jason Spezza said Sunday. "They're the best team in the East and the hardest game to win is to send a team home. We have to make sure that our focus is there."

Alfredsson participated in an optional skate on Sunday and looked ready to return for Game 6. The only thing that could prevent it is an unexpected setback in his recovery from a concussion.

"I'm hopeful," said Alfredsson. "We're obviously going to wait until tomorrow (before making a decision). But the way the last two days felt, I'm encouraged." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Ottawa's Craig Anderson out-dueled Vezina candidate Henrik Lundqvist with a 41-save shutout on Saturday in New York. MIKE STOBE/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Senators ahead of the playoff learning curve



THE HOCKEY NEWS
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At the conclusion of Game 4 of the Senators' series against the New York Rangers, coach Paul MacLean uttered this thought-provoking statement: "One thing about this time of year, you can learn a lot about your players and the players can learn a lot about themselves."

What have we learned so far?

Cease is the word. Craig Anderson has not wilted under pressure. While Henrik Lundqvist's key stats are slightly better, the Rangers have not

had the edge in goal that many predicted they would. Lundqvist carries a 1.78 goals-against average and .945 save percentage compared to Anderson's 1.79 and .943. In addition, Anderson takes a 113:50 shutout streak into Game 6 and has made 66 consecutive stops. Is Anderson ready to dethrone the 'King'?

Carks sparks. Matt Carkner sat for long stretches this season, but has made an impact against New York. Carkner earned a one-game suspension for his attack on Brian Boyle, but that event galvanized the Senators, and sent a message to the opponent: Ottawa won't be pushed around. The 32-year-old is also

underrated as a puck-handler. It was Carkner's nifty pass to Milan Michalek that keyed the Senators' comeback in Game 4. Ottawa has won all three games in which Carkner has appeared in the series.

You know me now? Earlier this season, Rangers coach John Tortorella could not remember Zenon Konopka's name and referred to him as "Zeenon." Konopka has two assists in his four games, but more importantly his 72.3 percent success rate on faceoffs ranks first in the playoffs. His special-teams play in the dot has given his teammates a significant advantage. Konopka is an unbeaten 4-0 on the power play and 13-4 while shorthanded.

Adversity conquered. The Senators had never won a playoff game without Daniel Alfredsson in the lineup, and now they've won two. This edition has regrouped emotionally after Alfredsson's concussion, something that cannot be said for past teams. Alfredsson skated on the weekend and is a game-time decision for Game 6. His return would be an emotional charge, but if he can't go the Senators know they're capable of winning without him.

Regardless of the outcome of the series, Ottawa has proven its mettle, given an effort and has earned respect league-wide. Everyone now knows they're a group to be reckoned with.

SPORTS

Senators preview

New York at Ottawa

7 p.m.
(CBC)

The Senators have a chance to end the series at home, while the Rangers need to figure out how to solve Craig Anderson. Anderson made 41 saves for his second career playoff shutout in Saturday's 2-0 Game 5 victory. Jason Spezza scored both goals for Ottawa and has four points in the series.

Brian Boyle (concussion) will likely miss tonight's game after being hit hard by Chris Neil. Marian Gaborik, who had 41 goals during the regular season, hasn't scored since Game 1.

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Quoted

"We have tons of money and if we can use our cap space to get high-end free agents, we have a shot to get right back on top."

Detroit head coach Mike Babcock whose Red Wings were eliminated by the Nashville Predators with a 2-1 loss in Game 5 on Friday.

"This team is too good to be going home right now after five playoff games."

San Jose forward Logan Couture, whose Sharks were eliminated in five games after a 2-1 loss to the St. Louis Blues on Saturday.

Rangers just want to 'get the next one'



Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist looks down after Jason Spezza's goal on Saturday in New York. MIKE STOBE/GETTY IMAGES FILE

If you didn't know the top-seeded New York Rangers were one loss away from elimination, the low-key practice before their biggest game of the season wouldn't have given away the dire circumstances.

After their best season in years, the Rangers are trailing the No. 8-seed Ottawa Senators, 3-2 in their first-round series. If New York doesn't win at Scotiabank Place Monday night and capture Game 7 in New York on Thursday, the 51 wins and the first-place finish in the Eastern Conference won't mean a thing.

Adorned on the wall at the Rangers' practice facility is a motivational saying that can be seen on either side of the circu-

By the numbers
20-22
Of the previous 22 times the Rangers were tied 2-2 in a series, the Game 5 winner advanced 20 times.

lat dressing room: "Everyone wants to win ... not everyone is willing to prepare to win."

But New York has been knocked out of the first round in the last two years as coach John Tortorella led the club to the playoffs.

The Rangers, who dropped games 4 and 5, lost three in a row during the regular season only twice — including the first three games they played.

"Whoever is going to win has to win four," Rangers forward Brad Richards said, "and no one has done that yet."

Only 11 players took the ice Sunday in what could have been the Rangers' final practice of the season, and many of them aren't likely to be in the Game 6 lineup Monday in Ottawa. One player who will, is Carl Hagelin — the speedy rookie forward who finished serving a three-game suspension Saturday night when New York lost 2-0 at home.

"I'm excited to get back," Hagelin said. "We're down 3-2. We want to get the next one, and that's the only thing on my mind right now."

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On the web



On Monday night, the Nets will play their last game in New Jersey after 45 years of "misfortune." They will leave East Rutherford and cross the Lincoln Tunnel to set up shop at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn to start the next NBA season. Scan the code for the story.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

NY. Rangers (1) vs. Ottawa (8)
(Ottawa leads series 3-2)

Saturday's result

Ottawa 2 N.Y. Rangers 0

Tonight's game

NY. Rangers at Ottawa, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 26

x-Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, TBD

Boston (2) vs. Washington (7)

(Series tied 3-3)

Yesterday's result

Boston 4 Washington 3 (OT)

Saturday's result

Washington 4 Boston 3

Wednesday, April 25

Washington at Boston, TBD

Florida (3) vs. New Jersey (6)

(Florida leads series 3-2)

Saturday's result

Florida 3 New Jersey 0

Tomorrow's game

Florida at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 26

x-New Jersey at Florida, TBD

BRUINS 4, CAPITALS 3 (OT)

First Period

1. Boston, Peverley 3 (Ference, Bergeron) 5:56

2. Washington, Green 1 (Ward, Hamrlik) 9:47

3. Boston, Krejci 1 (Lucic, Peverley) 16:48 (pp)

Penalties — Bergeron Bos (tripping) 10:01,

Chimera Wash (hooking) 12:54, Semin Wash

(hooking) 16:02, Kelly Bos (holding stick)

17:18.

Second Period

4. Washington, Chimera 1 (Backstrom, Hamrlik) 19:18

Penalties — Ovechkin Wash (double high-sticking) 1:57, Bergeron Bos (high-sticking)

15:44, Pouliot Bos (slashing), Brouwer Wash

(roughing) 19:22, Hendricks Wash (tripping)

19:39.

Third Period

5. Boston, Ference 1 (Seguin) 11:57

6. Washington, Ovechkin 2 (Backstrom) 15:08

Penalty — Pouliot Bos (roughing) 8:50.

First Overtime

7. Boston, Seguin 1 (Lucic, Krejci) 3:17

Penalties — None.

Shots on goal by

Boston 11 5 12 3—31

Washington 10 15 13 1—39

Goal — Boston: Thomas (W,3-0); Washington: Holtby (L,3-0).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Boston: 1-5;

Washington: 0-4.

Referees — Paul Devorski, Dan O'Rourke.

Linesmen — Steve Barton, Greg Devorski.

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FLYERS 5, PENGUINS 1

First Period

1. Philadelphia, Giroux 6, 0:32

2. Philadelphia, Hartnell 2 (Giroux, Voracek)

13:01 (pp)

Penalties — Briere Pha (high-sticking) 2:08,

Cooke Pgh (interference) 12:39, Despres Pgh

(tripping) 16:15.

Second Period

3. Philadelphia, Gustafsson 1 (Coburn, Giroux)

5:25

4. Pittsburgh, Malkin 3, 8:34 (pp)

Pittsburgh (4) vs. Philadelphia (5)

(Philadelphia wins series 4-2)

Yesterday's result

Philadelphia 5 Pittsburgh 1

Friday's result

Pittsburgh 3 Philadelphia 2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Vancouver (1) vs. Los Angeles (8)

(Los Angeles leads series 3-1)

Last night's result

Los Angeles at Vancouver

Tomorrow's game

x-Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

Thursday, April 26

x-Los Angeles at Vancouver, TBD

St. Louis (2) vs. San Jose (7)

(St. Louis wins series 4-1)

Saturday's result

Boston 4 Washington 3 (OT)

Sunday's result

Boston 4 Washington 3 (OT)

Tuesday's result

Washington 4 Boston 3

Wednesday, April 25

Washington at Boston, TBD

Florida (3) vs. New Jersey (6)

(Florida leads series 3-2)

Saturday's result

Florida 3 New Jersey 0

Tomorrow's game

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Thursday, April 26

x-New Jersey at Florida, TBD

x — played only if necessary.

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A collage of images featuring a hockey player, a shark, and a Old Spice product display.



Bruins force Game 7 in Beantown

Capitals goalie Braden Holtby skates off the ice as the Boston Bruins celebrate Tyler Seguin's overtime goal in Washington on Sunday. Because Seguin and Tim Thomas returned to form, the Bruins are heading back to Boston for another game against the Washington Capitals. Seguin scored at 3:17 of overtime, Thomas made 36 saves, and the Bruins beat Washington 4-3 to tie the first-round series at three games apiece. The defending Stanley Cup champion Bruins never trailed, but needed a stolen pass and a deft bit of skating by Seguin to finally get the decisive goal and avoid elimination. The series finale is Wednesday night in Boston. The first six games were all decided by one goal, three of them in overtime. PATRICK McDERMOTT/GETTY IMAGES

Flyers put Pens in the rear-view

NHL. Philadelphia's Giroux caps big series with sixth goal to help eliminate Pittsburgh

Claude Giroux had his coach call him the best player in the world.

Giroux needed one shift to prove that claim is more than hometown hype.

He flattened Sidney Crosby only five seconds into the game, buried his sixth goal of the series past Marc-Andre Fleury 27 seconds later, and led a Philadelphia Flyers charge into the second round.

Giroux wrapped up a dominant series with a goal and two assists, Ilya Bryzgalov was outstanding in net and the Flyers beat the 108-point Pittsburgh Penguins 5-1 on Sunday to win their Eastern Conference opening-round series in six games.

"G is a very special player," Bryzgalov said. "There's not



Danny Briere heads up ice from in front of Zbynek Michalek Sunday in Philadelphia. PAUL BERESWILL/GETTY IMAGES

very many players like that in the world."

Giroux gave the Flyers an opening shift to remember. In a series where no lead was safe, the Flyers scored the first three goals and made it stand behind stout defence and stellar play

out of Bryzgalov. Bryzgalov allowed 20 goals in the first five games. He settled down in Game 6 and gave up only Evgeni Malkin's goal in the second period.

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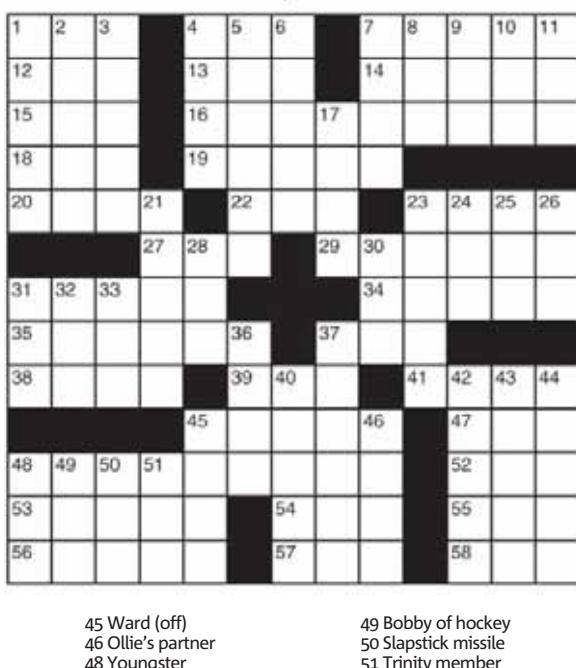
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4 PC program
7 Unrefined
12 Inseparable
13 "No seats"
14 Charlie Brown, typically
15 Rd.
16 Star of the show
18 Scepter
19 Poppy derivative
20 Antenna type
22 USN newbie
23 Grit
27 Under the weather
29 Tom Cruise movie
31 Reflection
34 Flora and fauna
35 Astaire/ Rogers film
37 Half a sawbuck
38 Witnesses
39 -CIO
41 Grand-scale tale
45 Skedaddles
47 Swelled head
48 Hush-hush
52 Jungfrau, e.g.
53 Rigel's constellation
54 Nipper's old co.
55 Country singer David Allan
—
56 Pollster's finding

57 Urge
58 Scuttle

Down

1 Enplane
2 Summarizing stanza
3 Gary Cooper role
4 Regarding
5 Drive
6 Visit briefly
7 Untalkative one
8 Jockey Turcotte
9 "Born in the —"
10 Lair
11 History chapter
17 Sculpture of a sort
21 Peak periods
23 Bookbinding piece
24 Past
25 Enthusiast
26 Genetics letters
28 Meadow
30 Kimono closer
31 "Monty Python" opener
32 Larry's pal
33 Gorilla
36 Soft mineral
37 Swindle
40 Staten Island carrier
42 Cobbler ingredient
43 Nome dome home
44 Got by somehow



45 Ward (off)
46 Ollie's partner
48 Youngster

49 Bobby of hockey
50 Slapstick missile
51 Trinity member

Friday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

EBCCTEUGA PTB NMX PTBI

CUQFBIO FMYOG RP M RUA

MDMEYMG ROMI, U'X QMDD

F N M F M YTXUMY JTJOGF.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU FINELY CHOP UP SOME AFTER-DINNER CANDIES, ONE COULD SAY THAT YOU MINCE MINTS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals D

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.



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Friday's Sudoku



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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20.
This is a week for getting things done, not fretting needlessly.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21.
Usually you keep your feelings to yourself but over the next few days you will surprise a few people – and maybe yourself – by how easily you open up emotionally.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20.
Enrich yourself and enrich other people too.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22.
Romance is in the air: feel it, breath it, enjoy it.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.
If you intend to make major changes this week it will pay you to let partners

and loved ones know well in advance.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.
The more confident you are the more people you will attract to your side.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.
A family or financial matter that has been causing you concern will disappear off your radar today, never to return.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.
Your one and only priority today is to have a good time.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.
If your instincts tell you a certain course of action is right then that is what you must do – even if the rest

of the world screams "Don't do it!"

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.
The odds may seem stacked against you at the moment but it's an illusion.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.
You may think that people are talking behind your back, and you may think that someone in authority has got it in for you, but that just shows you think too much.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.
If you are the kind of Pisces who needs to be told that you are loved and appreciated then this will be a wonderful day. Almost everyone in your life wants to be nice to you. Why? Because you deserve it, that's why.

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LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 65320km
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08 FORD FUSION SE
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LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 90818km
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